



Johnny Jerrell Lester

December 30, 1935 - December 5, 2016

Johnny J. Lester, age 80, of Newnan, died December 5, 2016 at Atlanta Medical Center. He was born in Carroll County Georgia and was the last of eight children born to the late Ezra and Etta Lanier Lester. Johnny was a familiar face in the local Winn-Dixie store for 30 years. He was the go to guy for that special cut of meat in the butcher shop. Following his retirement from Winn Dixie, he worked at the Publix Grocery on Bullsboro Drive where his beaming smile and willingness to lend a helping hand made him a favorite with shoppers. Many people lead complicated lives, but not Johnny. He was a simple man who loved his family, a good game of pool, zipping around on an ATV and his version of gardening, no matter how small the plot he planted. It was still a garden. He grounded his faith in the Baptist church and was associated with Hogansville Lodge #93 F&AM. Johnny is survived by his wife Betty Jean Adair Lester and his daughter Vicki Lester-Smith and her husband Gary. There is a large family of nieces and nephews. Those who wish to honor Johnny's life may do so by a kind deed to someone who might not expect it. He would certainly do the same. Online condolences may be expressed at www.mckoon.com.

Cemetery Details

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Tribute Wall



“ Betty Jean, Vicky, Gary, I see it's been many years since Jerrell's passing. God brought his name up into my spirit this morning. Over the years our paths crossed a couple times. Even as a child I recall a couple of our gatherings. Good times, Vicky here we are in our mid sixties, I hope you've enjoyed your life, are you still in Florida?

Tommy Todd - April 04, 2025 at 10:06 AM



“ I worked with Johnny at Winn Dixie on Temple Avenue back in the late 60's. He was in the meat market and I was stocking and bagging groceries. We were all busy but we would all make our rounds to see and speak to everyone working there. It was a good group to be around and Johnny was always there just smiling away. The same when I would run up on him the past few years at Publix on Bullsboro....he seemed to never change. He was a great guy, always smiling and joking around. I know he will be dearly missed by all who knew him.....Tommy Ferrell

Tommy Ferrell - December 13, 2016 at 11:52 AM



“ Johnny was such a great guy he always had that "Million Dollar" smile and made you feel so good when you saw him. Ray DuBose

Linda DuBose - December 09, 2016 at 12:02 AM

KS

“ *Kathi Sumner lit a candle in memory of Johnny Jerrell Lester*



kathi Sumner - December 08, 2016 at 11:28 AM

TM

“ *Teresa Morris lit a candle in memory of Johnny Jerrell Lester*



Teresa Morris - December 08, 2016 at 10:53 AM

SH

“ *Sara Hunter lit a candle in memory of Johnny Jerrell Lester*



Sara Hunter - December 08, 2016 at 06:36 AM

FF

“ *Francis Futral lit a candle in memory of Johnny Jerrell Lester*



Francis Futral - December 07, 2016 at 08:40 PM

RL

“ *Betty, my heart is broken--- Fred and I thought so much of this wonderful friend. Please know you are in our prayers. We love you both!*

Regina and Fred Lange - December 07, 2016 at 06:11 PM

AN

“ *I worked with him at the Winn-Dixie on Bullsboro for years. He was a meat market manager and I was a cashier. A very devoted and sweet man. Little did we know we would meet again in a Publix grocery store. It was 1974 when I worked with him at Winn-Dixie. Johnny, you will be missed. Hopefully we will meet again.*

anita cochran noble - December 07, 2016 at 04:13 PM

KH

“ *Karen Hubbard lit a candle in memory of Johnny Jerrell Lester*



Karen Hubbard - December 07, 2016 at 02:27 PM

DJ

“ *Dear Betty Jean and Family,
We are so sorry to hear of Johnny's death. He was a super person. He had a smile all the time and would go out of his way to help you. We were very fond of Johnny. May the Good Lord let him rest a while in Heaven, he earned it.
May the Good Lord give you peace, love, and contentment during this very difficult time.
God loves you,
Don and Mildred Jones*

Don and Mildred Jones - December 07, 2016 at 12:09 PM

ML

“ Betty, I am so sorry to read this. I first met Johnny in 1965 at Winn Dixie in Newnan. He was so nice and so helpful even back then. In later years I would see him at Publix and he had the same sweetness and still always smiling. Even though the years had passed, and I know I had definitely changed, he still knew me and would stop and talk a little. His kindness and gentle manner will be missed by all who knew him. My thoughts are with you and the rest of your family. Miriam Horton Lanier

Miriam Horton Lanier - December 07, 2016 at 11:44 AM

JA

“ Mr. Johnny was a sweet sweet man. I worked with him when the Winn Dixie first opened on Bullsboro Drive. He was one of the nicest, most considerate men I have ever met. I loved getting to see him when he was at Publix. He will definitely be missed. I missed getting to see him last summer. My prayers are with your family.

Judy Anderson - December 07, 2016 at 09:15 AM